

# SD English Language Arts- Alt and SD Math-Alt aka Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA)

New Assessment Coordinator Workshop  
August 31, 2021

# What is MSAA?

- ▶ Summative Assessment in ELA and Math for 1% population
  - ▶ Currently no interims available
- ▶ Cognia is vendor, so it is in a separate system
  - ▶ System open now to access student scores
    - ▶ Can only be downloaded by Test Coordinators
    - ▶ Closes Sept. 24 to be purged of all data, including user accounts and test results
    - ▶ System will re-open in late February, early March for 2021-22 testing

# How do I access MSAA?

- ▶ [MSAA System](#)
- ▶ 2 types of accounts for the system
  - ▶ Test Coordinator
    - ▶ 1 loaded in system for each district before opening
    - ▶ Default is Assessment Coordinator, but can be SPED Director
  - ▶ Test Administrator
    - ▶ Actual teacher who works 1-on-1 with the student to test

# How are students loaded into system?

- ▶ Students loaded from a 1 time pull from Infinite Campus in early December
  - ▶ If students aren't properly marked as taking alternate assessment, they will not be available when system opens
    - ▶ Under Enrollments tab, Special Ed Fields
- ▶ Students added or removed by DOE only

The screenshot shows a 'Special Ed Fields' form with the following sections:

- Effective Date:** 08/17/2020
- Special Ed Program:** (dropdown menu)
- Special Ed Category:** (dropdown menu)
- Primary Disability:** (dropdown menu)
- Multiple Disability 1:** (dropdown menu)
- Multiple Disability 2:** (dropdown menu)
- Multiple Disability 3:** (dropdown menu)
- Multiple Disability 4:** (dropdown menu)
- Multiple Disability 5:** (dropdown menu)
- End Date:** (text field)
- Exit Code:** (dropdown menu)
- ASD Severity Behaviors Level:** (dropdown menu)
- ASD Severity Communication Level:** (dropdown menu)
- Physical Therapy Hours:** (text field)
- Recreational Therapy Hours:** (text field)
- Audiological Services Hours:** (text field)
- Occupational Therapy Hours:** (text field)
- Speech/Language Therapy Hours:** (text field)
- School Health Services Hours:** (text field)
- Psychological Therapy Hours:** (text field)
- Orientation Mobility Hours:** (text field)
- Counseling Services Hours:** (text field)
- Social Work Service Hours:** (text field)
- Other Service Hours:** (text field)
- Participates in Alt. Assessment:** (checkbox, highlighted in yellow)
- Transportation:** (dropdown menu)
- Assistive Technology:** (dropdown menu)

# MSAA Resources

- ▶ [MSAA Informational Site](#)
  - ▶ Background of test
  - ▶ Overview of Eligibility
  - ▶ Family and Educator resources
  - ▶ Sample Items
  - ▶ Core Content Connectors
  - ▶ Manuals/User Guides and Writing Rubrics